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Accord on Haddad seen on the way

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and U.S. special envoy Philip C. Habib, meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, failed to resolve the key remaining issue of dispute in the Lebanon negotiations, the future status of Major Sa'ad Haddad.

Nevertheless, the upbeat mood was maintained, both in Jerusalem and at the talks themselves in Haifa, Lebanon. Well-placed sources continue to be confident that an agreement is only weeks away.

Habib himself was quoted by Israeli sources as saying he hopes to wrap up the accord during his present stay in the region. He has not said how long this stay will be.

After his meeting with Begin yesterday morning, Habib flew to Haifa to take part in the talks for a second day running. Later he went to Beirut, where he was to meet top Lebanese leaders. He is expected to return to Jerusalem tomorrow.

The issue of King Hussein's refusal to enter the peace process did not come up in the Begin-Habib minute conversation, it is reliably learned.

The prime minister dwelt on Israel's demand that Major Haddad, the Christian militia chief in

South Lebanon, be put in command of Lebanese army forces to be deployed in the region after the IDF's withdrawal.

Haddad heard a similar exposition from David Kimche, the Israeli chief negotiator, at Haifa in the afternoon. Kimche, who is director-general of the Foreign Ministry, said Israel could not understand Lebanon's negative attitude towards Haddad, who was a true Lebanese patriot and had fought valiantly for his country against PLO encroachment.

Israeli sources seemed encouraged by the Lebanese delegation's reaction to Kimche's words. They said the Lebanese had not rejected out of hand the Israeli diplomats' contentions concerning Haddad, as they had done on previous occasions.

Lebanon has indicated that it is prepared to countenance Haddad's remaining in the south; but Beirut is still balking at Israel's insistence that he be put in command of the region.

Observers expect the question of Haddad's precise status and powers to be the subject of hard last-minute bargaining between the two sides, with both having to give a little ground to facilitate a compromise. Possibly it was significant that the Israeli spokesman at Haifa yesterday (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Soldier dies in Shouf ambush

Jerusalem Post Staff

One IDF soldier was killed and another wounded yesterday afternoon when their patrol vehicles came under light weapons fire in an ambush near Dir al-Kamer in Lebanon's Shouf Mountains. The dead soldier is Turai-Rishon (Jannet) Asael Wahab, 20, of Petah Tikva. He will be laid to rest today at 4 p.m. in the military section in Segula cemetery in his own town.

Fire was returned toward the attackers and IDF units searched the area.

Last night a number of rocket-propelled grenades were fired at an IDF position near Amik in the Bekaa Valley. Israeli forces returned fire and there were no IDF casualties.

Arens: U.S. ban should lead to hunt for new arms sources

Defence Minister Moshe Arens last night said while he agreed with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's description of Israel's status in Lebanon as "an occupying power" was "a severe stricture," he felt that the continuing U.S. embargo on F-16 jet fighters and its accompanying explanation that they would be released to Israel after a withdrawal from Lebanon "is far worse."

Interviewed on Israel TV's "The 10th Programme," Arens said that he has caused him to reassess the situation, and that Israel should consider other options regarding the acquisition of military hardware.

He stressed that Israel could do more to develop such equipment at home, though this did not preclude verifying the sources of purchase abroad.

Regarding the attitude of U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, Arens said he was not "disappointed" as he had never had great hopes of Weinberger changing his political line.

Arens said he supported the creation of a "national security council," on the American model. He said the kernel for it existed in the Israeli political structure — the Ministerial Defence Committee — to which could be added a staff of experts and professionals on various security matters.

Arens was asked about Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan's remarks before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on Tuesday concerning West Bank Arabs. The defence minister said he did not want to criticize Eitan at the end of his term and described the chief of staff as a "national hero."

Lewis says U.S. determined to rebuild mutual confidence

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis last night said President Ronald Reagan and his administration are determined in the weeks ahead "to prove and to rebuild the basic confidence" between the U.S. and Israel that was undermined by the PLO in Lebanon and its aftermath.

"Things are going to get better," Lewis told 300 American Jewish Women at a dinner in the Chagall Hall. Lewis added that in his six years as ambassador he has seen an up-and-down in U.S.-Israel relations at least

'Stool pigeon' reveals heroin cache

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — A brooding pigeon, meeting its guest, yesterday led police to the capture of half-a-ton shekels-worth of heroin and them on the trail of a ring passing counterfeit dollars in Israel.

A police lookout post for drug-dealing in the Shapira quarter saw a suspect approaching the wall of a house around midnight on Tuesday. The suspect stuck his hand into a hole in the wall, uttered a scream, stepped back. A pigeon, wildly flapping its wings, emerged from the hole and flew away. The detectives found a pigeon's nest inside the



Thousands of striking doctors and their supporters parade along Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda mall yesterday. Prominent among the placards are ones which read: "If Aridor needed treatment, he would surely go abroad." Finance Minister Yoram Aridor is in the U.S. on a fund-raising mission. (Isaac Harari)

MDs deny Treasury's claim of progress

By MARGERY GREENFELD and JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporters

After two separate negotiating sessions yesterday between the Treasury and striking doctors, reactions ranged from "optimism" on the part of the Health Ministry to an assessment of "no progress" from several doctors.

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak emerged from the evening session saying that he was "still optimistic" and that the talks had "at last gotten down to brass tacks." Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan added: "If the talks go on in the same spirit we saw today, there's room for optimism."

Two prominent Histadrut officials yesterday sharply criticized Shostak for failing to take decisive action against the striking doctors.

Treasurer Nathan Almosino and trade union department chairman Yisrael Kassar were especially bitter that Shostak had arranged for emergency treatment in hospitals, but not for reactivating Kupat Holim clinics.

The main achievement of almost four hours of talks yesterday was "agreement in principle on a salary table," said one source close to the talks, although he declined to say which table was being discussed.

But several Israel Medical Association representatives who participated in both sessions left the Treasury building with the feeling that "nothing has really changed." One doctor said: "These are the same proposals from the Treasury that we've heard for the past six weeks, only this time they're coated with marzipan."

The Treasury yesterday rejected the IMA's request to bring the Histadrut into the negotiations, but said they have no objections to the participation of the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Klalit, which employs 5,000 out of the country's 8,500 doctors, as an employer.

However, Treasury Director-General Ezra Sadan stressed yesterday that Kupat Holim is not willing to enter into any type of negotiations while its entire network of neighbouring clinics remains closed. The IMA would have to provide enough doctors to reopen the clinics, at least, partially, before the health insurance fund would consider rejoining the talks, he said. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Arafat says in Stockholm that Reagan plan not dead

STOCKHOLM. — Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat was quoted yesterday as saying it would be wrong to describe U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan as dead.

Scandinavian politicians who had preliminary discussions with him on his arrival in Stockholm Tuesday night said yesterday that Arafat told them the PLO's talks with King Hussein of Jordan would be resumed shortly.

Arafat met Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, former Norwegian prime minister Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Danish prime minister Anker Joergensen and Finnish Social Democratic Party Secretary Erkki Liikanen.

Another upbeat assessment of the situation came yesterday from Lebanese Foreign Minister Eli Salem. "I believe we are passing now through a stage of re-assessment of some positions, and I hope we will very soon reach a solution to this impasse in which the Palestinians and Jordan found themselves," Salem told reporters on his return to Beirut from a brief visit to Amman.

"We believe that the credibility of the U.S. is on test now and the laboratory is Lebanon," he said.

Jordan's King Hussein was yesterday reported to have cabled Reagan that Israel's establishment of new settlements in the West Bank was a major reason for the breakdown in talks with the PLO.

Meanwhile, the extraordinary Arab summit meeting due to take place in Morocco this weekend has been postponed until the beginning of May, Moroccan government sources said yesterday.

A senior Moroccan government official said the suit had been put off for two or three weeks following the failure of talks between Jordan and the PLO. He said the postponement was to ensure the success of the conference.

In Morocco's view, the summit was to endorse any agreement between Arafat and Hussein for joint political action for peace in the Middle East, or to help them reach one.

But Jordan's announcement last Sunday that it had proved impossible to form a joint approach with the PLO and that Jordan would not act unilaterally, cast doubts on whether an early summit would produce a joint Arab approach, the official said. (Reuter, AP)

Iran says Iraq shells another oil well

LONDON. (Reuter). — Iran yesterday claimed an Iraqi missile had hit another of its oil wells in the Gulf.

The Iranian news agency IRNA, monitored in London, said six Iraqi cruisers supported by two helicopters, launched a missile attack against the well on Tuesday night. It was not clear whether an oil slick had been caused by the attack, the agency said.

IRNA said Iranian naval forces had hit one of the Iraqi cruisers and that the rest had fled for the Al-Sakr and Ummayyah oil docks in Iraq.

In Kuwait yesterday, crisis talks between eight Gulf States on handling the giant oil slick from Iran's shattered Nowruz field were postponed for several hours after Tehran's accusations were broadcast.

Iran's Ambassador to Kuwait, Ali Shams Ardekani, told reporters the latest Iraqi attack showed that Baghdad had not changed its "aggressive stance" towards Tehran. The attack would complicate the Kuwait talks, he said.

In Baghdad, yesterday, the Iraqi news agency said its navy sank what it called two large Iranian naval targets off the Iraqi coast in the attack.

The agency did not indicate the nature of the targets. It quoted a military spokesman as saying two Iranian naval units which had approached the Iraqi coast last night were set on fire and "swallowed by the gulf waters."

Iranian forces killed and wounded more than 500 Iraqi troops in new fighting in the Fakkeh region, according to Iran's news agency quoted by AP in London. The Iraqi's were said to have made "desperate efforts" to regain some of the estimated 150 square kms the Iranians claim to have captured in the region. (photo page 4)

Polish police detain Walesa

GDANSK, Poland (Reuter). — Polish police yesterday took Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed Solidarity trade union, from his home in Gdansk after threatening to use force, an eye-witness said.

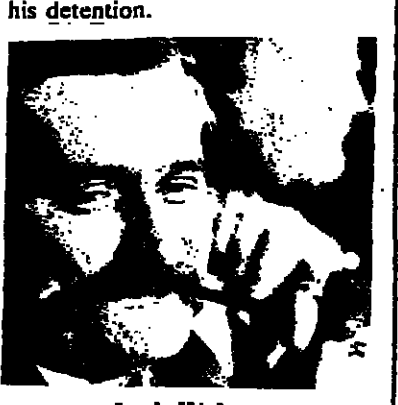
The police did not have a warrant to detain Walesa, an American journalist who was with Walesa at the time said. Walesa was driven away in an unmarked car.

The reporter said Walesa at first refused to go as the police had no warrant, but agreed after they said they were ready to use force.

A government spokesman said Walesa had not been arrested, and Gdansk police would not confirm his detention.

The detention followed the first reported meeting between Walesa and leaders of the underground Solidarity organization at the weekend, which was announced in a statement by Walesa on Tuesday.

The 39-year-old trade union leader has had several brushes with the authorities since he was released from internment last November. In December he was picked up at his home in the sprawling Zaspka working class housing estate and driven round Gdansk for eight hours to prevent him addressing a pro-Solidarity rally.



Lech Walesa

IDF questions major on Flatto 'PoW effort'

By HIRSH GOODMAN and ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Israel Defence Forces were last night questioning a major from the army's manpower division who is suspected of arranging, possibly in return for a bribe, a deal which enabled Samuel Flatto-Sharon to claim an official role in negotiations for the release of Israeli prisoners-of-war in Lebanon.

Flatto-Sharon arrived back at his home in Sayon last night, after a ride in an IDF helicopter from South Lebanon to Galilee.

He made no statement to the press, but a spokesman said that there had been no word of any questioning by the authorities on Flatto-Sharon's Lebanon visit.

Flatto-Sharon spent three days in Lebanon, arriving in a military air transport and apparently in possession of documents showing him to be officially connected with the negotiations. The army is investigating how he got these documents.

During a three-day stay in Beirut, Flatto-Sharon was seen in the company of wealthy businessmen from West Beirut, but he did not maintain contact with any Israeli officials in Lebanon. There are reports that this week's trip was not his first visit to Lebanon, and that he is organizing "an Israel-Lebanon Bank."

Yesterday afternoon he appeared at Haifa, where talks on Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawals are taking place, and told reporters: "While not making any declaration now, in three days time 'it' will be announced." He said that "there is



Former MK Samuel Flatto-Sharon reads a speech from the Knesset rostrum in 1980. (David Rubinger)

MKs demand that Arens rebuke Eitan

Jerusalem Post Staff

A group of 18 MKs from Labour, Mapam, Shinui and the Citizens' Rights Movement have written to Defence Minister Moshe Arens demanding that he rebuke Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan for his remarks Tuesday concerning West Bank Arabs.

They are also demanding that Eitan issue an immediate public retraction of "his description of the Arabs as drugged cockroaches." The statement, they said, "stains the honour of the army."

In a farewell appearance Tuesday before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Eitan reportedly said that, if Israel established 100 settlements between

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Nahariya	68	9-20	25
Safed	73	7-18	22
Haifa Port	87	14-19	22
Tiberias	52	12-26	30
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Afula	57	9-21	24
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Gaza	73	9-24	28
Beer Sheva	73	9-24	28
Eilat	16	15-30	31

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

British Ambassador Patrick Moberly will address the Rotary Club at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1.15 p.m. today.

The inauguration took place yesterday of a livestock farm at the Nahalat Yehuda Agricultural Secondary School. The farm is sponsored by Wizo-Switzerland, and is named for Mrs. Elly Abraham, an ex-president of the Swiss Wizo Federation. The ceremony was chaired by World Wizo Executive Chairman Ruth Izakson; the distinguished guests included Swiss Ambassador M. Ernest Baumeister, Mrs. Elly Abraham herself, World Wizo President Trudy Dryden, World Wizo-Schools' Department Head Shulamit Hillel and representatives of Wizo-Switzerland and the World Wizo Executive.

ARRIVALS

Police Inspector General Rav Nitzav Arye Itzhan, from a private visit to France.

Rahamim Timor named ambassador to Brazil

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Veteran diplomat Rahamim Timor's appointment as Israel's new ambassador to Brazil was announced officially yesterday. He succeeds Shaul Ramati.
Timor has been in the Foreign Ministry since its early days. He has served as ambassador to Togo, Zaire, Cyprus and Greece (diplomatic representative).
In recent years, he has headed the Foreign Ministry's international cooperation division.

Strike at Isasbest

NAHARIYA (Itim). — Five hundred Isasbest workers went on strike yesterday after management refused their request for a wage increase. The workers are also angry about the sacking of 25 employees and the forced retirement of nine others.
The local Labour Council is not supporting the strike, but will make efforts today to bring the two sides together for negotiations.
Isasbest manager Arieh Sharon condemned the "wildcat strike," which comes at a time when the company is already in financial difficulties.

Grenades found in Gilo

Two handgrenades were found yesterday under a rock near the Gilo neighbourhood of Jerusalem. Police are investigating (Itim).

The Annual Bob Woolf of Boston, Massachusetts Basketball Tournament for the Youth of Jerusalem

April 16 to May 21, 1983

This year's tournament marks the 50th anniversary of the International Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Building, and is held in honor of Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics.

Nat Holman of New York, Dean of Basketball Coaches, Hasket Golan, Curator of the Hall of Fame of Jewish Athletes at the Kutscher Hall, New York.

Adolph Schayes, Coach Emeritus of the Boston Celtics.

Adolph Schayes Sr., Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield, Mass.

Danny Schayes, Denver Nuggets Basketball Team.

Bill Mac Vee of Boston and Jerusalem, the General Director of International Jerusalem Y.M.C.A.

Zeev Loewendahl, Physical Education Director Emeritus of the International Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. The girls' basketball tournament division will be held specifically in his honor.

In memory of Captain Yehiel Langer, who served with the Jerusalem Police force during 1929 to 1956, an avid sports fan and athlete.

The games are open to all the youth of Jerusalem, regardless of race, color or creed. This year, twelve teams will participate, the boys' divisions, 14-16 years and 16-18 years, and the girls' division, 14-16 years. All the teams will be cheered on by the Bon Bon girls' cheering squad.

Bob Woolf is a leading sports and television talent agent in America. In his youth, he played varsity basketball for four years with Boston College, a Roman Catholic institution.

For further information, please contact Yigal Levy or Uri Lipin at the Sports Department of the International Jerusalem Y.M.C.A., telephone 02-227111. The tournament is being sponsored by the Captain Yehiel and Ruth Glovsky Langer Foundation, One Mays Street, Jerusalem and the International Jerusalem Y.M.C.A.

HOME NEWS

U.S. military team here to study IDF data

Post Defence Correspondent

A delegation of American military officials is currently in Israel doing intensive research on the IDF's performance during the Lebanese war.

The group comprises air force and ground forces personnel, who are conducting talks with their counterparts in the IDF. They are the first of "several dozen" delegations expected here in coming months.

The Americans arrived after Defence Minister Moshe Arens last month gave his approval for a complete and candid revelation by Israel of performance and operational data on the war. This despite the American suspension of the signing of a formal agreement for the exchange of information.

The Americans refused to ratify the agreement on the grounds that Israel had placed too many restrictions on the dissemination of the information and was demanding too much in return.

Arens gave his approval in one of several steps he initiated to end the

tense relations between the U.S. administration and Israel, generated to a large degree by the style of his predecessor Ariel Sharon.

Israel is anxiously awaiting an American decision on the supply of F-16 fighters to the Israel Air Force, which was suspended last year, and of technological and possibly financial help in building the Lavi fighter.

The exchange of information, it is hoped here, will unfreeze both these items, which Arens considers extremely important if Israel is to maintain its deterrent capability.

What bothers Israeli defence officials, however, is that much of the operational data may ultimately be translated into improving American weapons systems destined for export to Arab countries.

Israel is also worried about the dissemination of this information among America's NATO allies, claiming that NATO is notorious for not being able to keep very much secret.

High on the U.S. research agenda is details on how Israel took out the missile sites, and the performance of Syrian Soviet-supplied armour.

Sartawi buried in Amman

AMMAN (Reuters). — Moderate Palestinian leader Issam Sartawi, assassinated in Portugal on Sunday, was buried yesterday in a pine-shaded corner of the "Martyrs Cemetery" here, in a simple ceremony.

Sartawi's widow and four sisters, in black mourning dress, went as members of the PLO terror organization lowered his teak coffin into the grave.

Nearly 1,000 people attended the funeral — among them Jordanian King Hussein's chamberlain Prince Raad Bin Zaid, Jordanian Minister of State for Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, French Ambassador Jacques Alain de Sedouy and several PLO officials. French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson sent a wreath.

Sartawi, whose body was flown to Amman last night, was shot dead while attending a Socialist International Congress as a PLO observer.

PLO sources said Sartawi's family had sought to have him buried in Sarta, his home village in the West Bank, but had received no response from Israel.

In Lisbon, a judge has ordered an

Arab arrested in connection with the killing to be held without bail for investigation, but no formal charges have been placed against him.

A police spokesman said the judge decided there was "sufficient evidence" to warrant the continued detention of the suspect, who carried a Moroccan passport identifying him as Youssef al-Awad, 26. Police said they had sent a photocopy of the passport to Morocco for verification.

About 150 people attended a ceremony in memory of Sartawi, organized by Shelli, in Tel Aviv, yesterday.

A pistol with an almost empty magazine was found yesterday hidden under a tree near where Sartawi was shot.

Police identified the weapon as a 9 millimetre Beretta automatic — the same calibre as the bullets which killed Sartawi and wounded an aide.

Police said the weapon was found by journalists who asked not to be identified. It was wrapped in a greasy nylon bag, presumably to wipe off finger prints.

Jordan to limit influx of Palestinians

KUWAIT (AP). — Jordan is taking "legal measures" to check the influx of Palestinians from Israel-occupied territories into Jordan, Jordanian Information Minister Adnan abu Oudeh was quoted yesterday as saying.

He told the newspaper *Al-Sayassa*, in an interview that Israel has been "trying to empty the occupied territories of their (Palestinian) inhabitants and seize their lands."

"Jordan regards this Israeli action as a weapon directed against the Palestinian cause," he told the paper. "Jordan, more than any

other Arab country confronting Israel, is directly affected by this increasing emigration of Palestinians. For that reason Jordan will discontinue granting Jordanian travel documents to these immigrants."

He said, however, that "every Palestinian now holding a Jordanian passport will not be affected by the new measures."

Abu Oudeh was responding to a question about reports that Jordan intended cancelling temporary travel documents issued to some 200,000 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip.

Peres says relations with Spain are nearer now

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The establishment of diplomatic relations between Spain and Israel "is nearer now than it was two or three months ago," said Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday. Peres returned Tuesday from the Socialist International congress in Portugal.

"The issue is not one of principle, but of timing," Peres told reporters at Beit Sokolov yesterday. The matter now depends on the progress achieved in fostering cultural, industrial and technological ties between the two countries, he asserted, noting a warm attitude towards Israel in the Spanish press and among its people.

Peres said the murder of the PLO's Issam Sartawi made no difference to the final resolution of the Socialist International not to grant formal status to the PLO.

Sartawi, Peres said, was slain while he was "10 metres from where we sat."

There had been pressure on him to meet Sartawi, but he refused, Peres said. "It turned out to the good, for had we met, one might say Sartawi was killed because he spoke to me," Peres added.

He said that among the papers Sartawi was carrying was a plan to recognize Israel. But, as this was not the official policy of the PLO, the International accepted Peres' argument that the PLO is neither socialist nor democratic.

The U.S. should not bully Israel after the Arabs rejected its initiative," Peres said. "The PLO has failed militarily, and now it has slammed the door on the political process. It is not, however, the only force in the area, and perhaps the political process towards peace should be revised," Peres said.

Among the 11 amendments to the general resolutions adopted was a request from Lebanon to establish an inquiry commission on the massacre in the Shatilla and Sabra refugee camps.

Labour MK Nava Arad was elected deputy president of the women's division of the Socialist International.

SOLDIER DIES

(Continued from Page One)

IDF units and members of Major Sa'ad Haddad's South Lebanon militia searched the coastal road area yesterday for the attackers, who are believed to belong to the same gang.

Security forces yesterday blew up a terrorist arms depot north of Tyre, which was discovered recently by the IDF. UNIFIL units also discovered an arms cache recently near the village of Aitaba, not far from the Israeli border.

UN sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the ammunition and grenades discovered there had been taken to a nearby UNIFIL camp.

Agence France Presse reports from Beirut that the IDF has arrested seven Sidon residents recently, following a number of attacks against Israeli forces in Southern Lebanon. The detainees reportedly belong to the Muslim Brotherhood.

The agency reports further that IDF troops have searched the home of Sheikh Mohammed al-Arifi a number of times. When he was not found at his home in the Ein Hilwe refugee camp, the soldiers reportedly arrested his brother for interrogation.



Attending yesterday's meeting at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem are (clockwise from right): Prime Minister Menachem Begin, U.S. envoy Philip Habib, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens. (Rahamim Israeli)

Wheelchair patient leads doctors' march

By MARGERY GREENFELD

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Yoram, phone home" read one of the hundreds of placards held aloft as thousands of doctors, their families and their patients wound their way slowly through downtown Jerusalem yesterday afternoon to protest against the Treasury's foot-dragging in the wage talks.

A young medical student wearing nothing but a pair of white shorts, four plaster casts and an infusion bag, bore the label of "Medicine in Israel—1983."

Hundreds of red and white balloons bobbed above the crowd, all tagged with the number "34,000,000,000" (the Treasury's estimate of the cost of meeting the doctors' demands).

Police estimated the crowd at 5,000 and commended the Israel Medical Association for its "exemplary behaviour" during the two-kilometre march and the low-key meeting which followed in Independence Park.

"I only wish that every crowd that demonstrates in this city were as orderly and civil," a senior police official told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Two policemen mounted on white horses preceded the white-coated marchers, who linked arms in rows of 18 or 20 and at one point filled the entire length of the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall.

The march was headed by Eitan, a multiple-sclerosis patient in a wheelchair, who had asked his physicians at Beilinson Hospital to let him join the protest and show his support for the striking doctors.

"We don't think our doctors are getting a fair deal," said one of a large contingent of patients from all over the country who came to show their solidarity.

Several doctors noted that this represented "the first time I have ever demonstrated." One grinned broadly and said: "It's amazing, we're such a heterogeneous group

and yet we're still totally united after more than a month-and-a-half of a very difficult strike."

Bemused Jerusalemites appeared to take the unbroken line of white coats in their stride. "Look, I think they're right to ask for a decent salary. But why should we have to suffer?" asked one young woman on King George Street.

A group of four women nodded approvingly as the doctors marched past. "We're just watching how they do it. We're all social workers, and we're just waiting to see how their struggle turns out," said one.

After brief speeches from a stage erected in the park near the Plaza Hotel, the crowd was told that if "the Treasury can float balloons, so can we." As hundreds of red and white balloons drifted up into the clear Jerusalem sky, the crowd dispersed quietly and the police went about untangling the huge knots of traffic left at intersections near the parade route.

Farmers accused of mis-using land

By LIOA MOREL

Jerusalem Post Reporters

BEERSHEBA. — Two moshav farmers in the northern Negev are to be taken to court by the Agriculture Ministry and charged with misuse of their land. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned. They are suspected of permitting Beduin shepherds to live on their land.

return for 25 per cent of the lambs produced by the Beduin flock.

The Beduin also reportedly look after the moshav members' flocks and live on their farms in sub-standard housing conditions.

Moshav members are leased land by the Israel Lands Authority on condition they work it themselves. In fact, they are permitted to employ hired labour to assist them and have also been permitted in the past to pay shepherds (often Beduin) to mind their flocks.

However, the present case is regarded as particularly serious, as the Beduin have been reduced, in effect, to vassal status. If found

guilty, the farmers could have their land confiscated.

Agriculture Ministry spokesman Naphtali Yaniv told *The Post* that the ministry had recently cracked down on violators of the settlement law. Ministry official Hillel Adiri has been responsible for the policy during the tenure of the last three ministers.

Adiri noted that the Golan Heights, which is charged with preventing misuse of state land, had brought more Jews than Arabs to court during the past decade.

Tel Aviv living standards are dropping

By CAROL COOK

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The population of Tel Aviv is getting older and poorer, marrying less, having fewer children, and divorcing more frequently, according to the Statistical Yearbook for 1982, recently published by the municipality's Centre for Economic and Social Research. The book paints a picture of a city in a slump, with young people moving away, retail shops closing down, and fewer new buildings going up.

The total population of Tel Aviv was 329,500 at the end of 1981, a

drop of 1.6 per cent from 1980. An exodus to the suburbs has been going on for about a decade, and Tel Aviv now contains only 8.3 per cent of Israel's total population, compared with 11.6 per cent in 1972.

Young people with families have been prominent among those leaving, resulting in a large proportion (17.2 per cent) of the city's residents falling in the over 65 age group.

Tel Aviv families are also less affluent than their counterparts in Haifa and Jerusalem. Figures show that the monthly average gross income of wage-earning families in 1980 (the last year for which statistics are available) was

IS\$35,600, compared with the national average of IS\$37,600. The Haifa average was IS\$43,300 and Jerusalem's was IS\$37,300.

Tel Aviv families also suffered more from inflation, losing four per cent of their buying power since 1971, while the income of the rest of the country, relative to fixed prices, remained steady.

Other symptoms of economic malaise were a marked decrease in building starts over the past five years and a 15 per cent decline in the number of retail businesses operating in the city. Wholesalers, banks, and insurance companies, however, are growing in number.

FLATTO-SHARON

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said yesterday that they were "horrificed" by Flatto-Sharon's "insensitivity and lack of responsibility." The issue, they said, was complicated enough without "meddling from self-serving politicians."

Israel has three prisoners in Syria, six with the PLO and two with Ahmad Jibril's radical group. Five men are listed as missing in action.

Israel is in continuous contact with the PLO through the offices of Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky on a possible prisoner swap. Prior to this, however, Israel is demanding that Red Cross officials meet with the men being held by Jibril, and that information be provided regarding the missing in action.

Israel has allowed free access for the Red Cross to the Ansar detention camp in Lebanon, as well as an independent visit to the camp by a senior Austrian official to establish the whereabouts of 112 men, claimed to be missing by Jibril.

Senior police sources in Jerusalem last night told *The Jerusalem Post* that the police would undertake an investigation of the Flatto-Sharon affair "when the circumstances in the investigation of the IDF major warrant such action."

The sources said that "as of tonight, no complaint has been submitted."

Observers in the capital noted that if indeed there was an element of bribery involved in the relationship between the former MK and the major, the army officer's role as a "public servant" means that Flatto-Sharon could face criminal charges.

A senior police source had no answer when asked why the police did not arrest the former MK, since there has been a standing order by the Executive's Office against Flatto-Sharon leaving the country, since his conviction a year ago on election bribery charges.

EDUCATORS

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The Family

THE BIG WEST BANK land boom

is on. "I'm sorry now that I contracted to spend all that money on full-page advertisements in the papers recently," says Amiel Fromchenko as he sips black coffee in the dining room of a Tel Aviv hotel. "The response has been so overwhelming that of the 1,000 one-dunam lots that I offered initially, only 160 are left as of this morning."

"My advertising agency has already committed me to more large insertions in tomorrow's papers. Now I am afraid I may have to turn people away. It's truly unbelievable."

Fromchenko, part owner of Elite, the candy manufacturer, was talking about an offer of "build-your-own-home" lots in the West Bank, near Jerusalem, that he and a friend have placed on the market. Their real estate firm — Jumbo Ltd. — has its headquarters in Tel Aviv and is registered to do business both in Israel and in the West Bank.

Located six kilometres south-east of Jerusalem, Jumbo's site has been named Ramat Kidron after a place by that name mentioned in the Book of Jeremiah and presumed to be in that vicinity. The closest Arab village is Abadiyeh, and Jerusalem's Talpiot neighbourhood is the nearest Jewish population centre.

The rush for lots in Ramat Kidron continues, with the hundreds of eager buyers not even seeing the property that they are purchasing. There is no road leading to Ramat Kidron, and the nearest thoroughfare is a narrow peripheral road connecting Bethlehem with its satellite villages. That road is one-and-a-half kilometres away from Ramat Kidron's border, and that distance can be traversed only by a four-wheel-drive jeep.

SOMEHOW, the Jumbo advertisements said: "Ramat Kidron... is linked to the centre of the city (Jerusalem) by a new wide road via the Chotez Yehuda Road."

Fromchenko, qualifies that description by stating that the

BOOMING BUSINESS

By AARON SITTNER / Jerusalem Post Reporter



(David Ruhenger)

proposed trans-Judean highway (Chotez Yehuda Road) does not yet exist and that land for the way is now only being expropriated.

The advertisement also states: "Ramat Kidron... is visualized as part of the plan to expand Jerusalem."

That statement could suggest that a specific plan exists to enlarge the capital's municipal boundaries, to include Ramat Kidron. Such inside knowledge — that a rural lot could become a city lot — could be valuable indeed.

Asked whether he knows of such

a plan, Fromchenko clarified the advertisement's claim. What it meant to say was that a ministerial committee two years ago had presented a scheme to densify the population of Jerusalem. If this scheme is realized, then Ramat Kidron would automatically become more attractive as an investment.

The conversation with Fromchenko also uncovered other interesting facts. For example, a dunam mentioned in the sales promotion is a nominal dunam

rather than a geographical one. Fromchenko explains: "The common practice in Israel is to subject a certain part of every piece of residential land for surrender towards public use, such as for schools, roads and other public facilities. At Ramat Kidron that part comes to approximately 40 per cent of the lot."

Thus, a dunam there could end up as three-fifths of a dunam.

Then there is the matter of land development. Since Ramat Kidron is slated to be a residential com-

munity rather than a camping ground, the tract will have to receive the appropriate infrastructure — water supply, sewage, roads, utilities and so on.

Fromchenko still does not know how much the development costs will be, "because it all depends on how much government assistance we receive." But he estimates that development will cost purchasers approximately \$10,000 a dunam.

His company will, for a small fee, act as supervisor of the development work, which will probably be

tendered to a major contractor such as Solel Boneh.

Ramat Kidron will have no high-rise apartment buildings or even two-family homes — only one-family villas. No industrial activity is projected for the community either in view of its proximity to the Talpiot industrial zone.

Jumbo Ltd. expects the land development to be completed by 1986 at the latest, and land purchasers are obligated to begin construction of their homes with a year of development completion.

Jumbo, as marketer, does not care whether today's purchasers hold on to their land for personal use or use it as an investment or speculative instrument.

Nevertheless, to preserve the originally planned character of Ramat Kidron as a residential community, the sales contract requires lot purchasers to obtain Jumbo's permission for re-sale of a lot.

TO PREVENT possible intra-community friction, Jumbo tells all who ask that the company is willing to set aside a cluster of 200 or 300 dunams for use exclusively by Orthodox Jews.

Buyers so far have been Israelis as well as overseas people. Among the latter are a large group of Rome Jews who plan to build their second homes at Ramat Kidron. These buyers have also asked for permission to build and operate a large country-club complex at the site, a facility that will be large enough to serve Jerusalem holidaymakers as well.

Several purchasers, says Fromchenko, have been buying a few lots at a time — for themselves and members of their family. A Ra'anana man has bought eight lots, one for each of his children.

The advertised price of a one-dunam lot in Ramat Kidron, during April — or until the last lot is sold — is \$5,400. Payment may be made at once or in instalments — \$1,650 down and the remaining \$3,750 through a mortgage payable anywhere between four and ten years. The mortgage is calculated in

terms of the shekel, linked to the Consumer Price Index, and costs 7.5 per cent interest annually.

The mortgages are available through Bank Leumi, the first major Israeli savings institution to grant credit towards purchase of land across the Green Line. To obtain a mortgage, an applicant must produce two co-signers and pledge of guaranty, such as securities or a savings account.

RAMAT KIDRON was born last year, when Fromchenko's firm purchased a 1,000-dunam tract of land from an Arab landowner, and also took an option on some adjoining land.

In view of the unsettled political questions in matters relating to West Bank control, Fromchenko readily admits that despite political statements by government officials, "buying a piece of Ramat Kidron is not quite the same as buying a lot in Tel Aviv or Herzliya Pituah."

Thus, a person buying a lot in Ramat Kidron will never have his deed of ownership registered in the tabu (Israeli Land Registry) unless the West Bank is formally annexed by Israel.

What, then, backs up a buyer's claim to ownership of his land? "We," says Fromchenko, "are quite satisfied with the rights to the place. Since there is no tabu effective there, we asked for — and received from the seller — a *malika*, or certificate of ownership customary under Jordanian law."

"In addition, we have a letter from neighbouring property owners stating that our surveyor's data are correct. And, on top of all that, we have affidavits from the two local *mukhtars* and a notarized affidavit from the man who sold the tract to us, stating that he was the legal owner of that land."

"On the official side, we have obtained a *heter iska*, or transaction approval, from the Israeli authorities in Judea and Samaria, and have registered the purchase with them, in their office at Karnei Shomron."

No charge for looking

By HILARY BOK / Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE NIGHT before Easter I dreamed I was back in Boston. My family, whom I hadn't seen for 18 months and whom I'd missed terribly, wanted to know all about Jerusalem. But I didn't know what to say. In fact, I didn't want to say anything at all. I wanted to hide.

I muttered something about having to unpack and went to my room, but they followed, still asking questions. I put Israeli music on my tape deck, took out the pictures I'd taken, but nothing worked. I was home.

I woke up in Jerusalem. It was a beautiful morning and the dream faded, leaving only a strange premature nostalgia and a desire to understand as much of the city as I could in the month before I left.

At about eleven o'clock, my housemate Shari and I walked off to the Old City. We didn't know if anything would be happening there, but it seemed absurd not to go to the Old City on Easter. We vaguely imagined theatrical processions and elaborate services, incense and incomprehensible chanting. But, as the Tourist Office informed us, the services were over and we were two days late for the processions, which

had taken place on Good Friday. We walked into the market. The Old City was crowded and friendly; the sun and the holiday had brought everyone out into the street.

Though neither of us had the money to buy anything we stopped to look at souvenir crowns of thorns, Beduin dresses, bottles of Jordan River water, Greek icons. Shopkeepers who recognized us called us over to talk; others yelled the usual things: "You want a nice dress? No charge for looking."

Large wooden crosses were stacked against the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Four groups were being shown around inside.

We walked up to the site of the crucifixion and looked at the statue of Mary, glass eyes turned heavenward, apparently unaware of the jewelled garb stuck in her breast. In the crypt a monk was threatening a tourist with a stick for reasons obscure both to the tourist and to us. Monks pressed plastic crosses and cards with "Flowers from the Holy Land" into our hands, murmuring "something for the church?" Oddly like Hare Krishnas at airports, I thought.

WE LEFT the church and

wandered through the market until we found a cafe where we could sit outdoors. It had been a wonderful spring for both of us, and we spun out dreams over coffee, confident that we could realize them. Shari wanted to work on her writing, to make it transparent like cold water; I was going to graduate school and wanted to write something which combined sharp philosophical analysis with the psychological subtlety of a novel. We talked about travelling around Afghanistan in a jeep after it had calmed down, and writing a book about it. We felt so strong.

The cafe's stereo, which had an uncanny knack of playing music to match our conversation, began to play "I'm leaving on a jet plane."

We looked at each other and laughed. "One more month," I thought; one more month to see the Old City walls bone-coloured against the sky, to risk my life on Egged buses. The city, and my life in it, seemed so rich. My dream came back to me; I was going home.

WE PAID our bill and walked back out into the market. Immediately we noticed the change in atmosphere. Something was wrong. Too many shops were closed; I wondered whether this could be just because of Easter. Suddenly a gang of boys ran by shouting "Allahu

Akbar! Allahu Akbar!" Instantly the remaining shop doors began to slam shut; men ran by carrying armfuls of leather bags. People stood against the walls and glanced up the street nervously, ready to disappear. Families were herded indoors. We asked people what had happened, but no one wanted to answer. One man said, "It's just a misunderstanding"; another laughed and said, "Yes — with the government."

The covered market was deserted except for soldiers in riot helmets. Shari and I could feel the tension and the danger. We had no idea what had caused the change. We wanted to find out.

On David Street, which was disconcertingly normal, someone told us that a group from Gush Emunim had tried to pray near the Temple Mount that morning; that there had been violence, and that the Old City had gone on strike. A soldier at the Kotel checkpoint talked to us about what had happened and seemed to enjoy discussing the pros and cons of Moshe Dayan's decision not to let Jews pray on the Temple Mount.

People came over to listen as he lectured. Suddenly a woman appeared at the top of the stairs like Cas-

sandra, shrieking in Arabic. The soldier ran. We followed.

WE RAN down to Rehov Hagay and found ourselves on the corner of a street which led up towards the centre of the market. People on the street were arguing. Soldiers snapped orders to each other. A woman began to scream at a soldier, waving her finger furiously; he leaned against the wall with his hands on his belt. She picked up a large metal box and threw it at him. Fortunately she missed. Another woman came out of a house wailing and beating herself. A soldier ran out waving a pistol, followed by a crowd of Arabs carrying a stretcher on which I saw a small body wrapped in dark cloth. They ran past us towards Damascus Gate.

Shari asked an Arab what had happened. "A religious Jewish woman went into a woman's house and cut her throat into two pieces with a knife," he said. "Because she is Palestinian. That is enough."

We wondered. He was young, perhaps our age, but his face was hard and he spoke quickly and bitterly. Soldiers ran around the corner in riot gear; others took up positions on the surrounding rooftops. We stood watching.

An Arab walked by and said: "Leave. Leave now. It is dangerous."

They may beat you." We moved closer to the wall. The soldiers began to get rough. They shoved people down the steps to where we stood. An Arab man said something to one of the soldiers; the soldier grabbed him by the collar and slammed his head against a metal door four or five times, then pushed him away. He staggered down the steps and around the corner.

I tried to fix the soldier's face in my mind. Short black hair, early twenties, face like a jackrabbit, tense and angry. Neat uniform, Star Wars helmet, gun and club. None of the other soldiers had tried to stop him; none said anything to him afterwards.

More soldiers ran on to the street; they were now in complete control. They moved down to where we were standing and told us to leave. They had their hands on their riot sticks. We walked off towards Damascus Gate where the stretcher had gone before us. There were drops of fresh blood on the street.

The next day, Shari and I read that the woman we had seen on the stretcher had been beaten up by yeshiva students. We had to go back to the Old City to buy coffee. As we walked along someone shouted, the shop doors slammed shut and soldiers ran by. We turned and walked the other way.

A moving spirit

MUSIC REVIEWS

beautiful sound and phrasing. In particular, the intimate and seemingly devotional performance of the slow movement made a direct appeal to every listener in the crowded hall. His thoroughly musical approach to the concerto points to a promising career. To prove his technical facility, he added a Chopin etude, running his right hand effortlessly over the keyboard with lightning speed and transparent lightness, his left hand sustaining the rhythmic backbone of the etude with electrifying precision.

The other side of pianistic achievement was demonstrated by Jeffrey Kahane, who chose Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini*. This work is one of the composer's last expansive works and demands — besides great

physical strength and digital velocity — wit, sentimentality and a special kind of profundity — in other words the gamut of artistic endeavour. Kahane had it all at his fingertips, and to prove that he is not concerned only with fireworks, he added as encore the saraband from the Fifth French Suite by Bach in a stylistically interesting interpretation.

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under Mendi Rodan lent its full support to the pianists' performances and contributed to the deep impression the evening made.

YOHANAN BOEHM

THE SOUND OF CHOIRS. Choeur des XVI Frères, Andre Ducret, conducting (Tel Aviv Museum, April 5). Works by Lasso, Joaquin Desprez, Claude Le Jeune, Jannquin, Micolaj Zielencki, Lotti, Bruckner, Max Bauman, Hans Ludwig Schilling, Mozart, Jean Ahat, Jean Balfout, Andre Ducret, Pierre Kodin, Joseph Boyet, Raoul Villafraige, Debussy, Swiss popular songs, Israeli songs.

THIS CHOIR actually of amateurs reached an admirably professional level of performance. It had the disarming directness and healthy enthusiasm of amateurs and yet perfect intonation, excellent voice leading and warmly committed musical expression.

Andre Ducret's directives were

restrained and intimate; there is wonderful communication between him and the choir.

The programme, together with the encores, amounted to more than 20 pieces, some of them so short that they were over almost before they started. Two more substantial works in each one of the two parts of the concert would, of course, have enhanced the programme considerably.

On the other hand, the programme was rich in variety, and Ducret deserves full praise for his interesting and original choices.

The magnificent *Ave Maria* for eight voices by Max Bauman (b.1917) and Ducret's own contemporary *Sol Iffa* (tapissier-pâtisserie), based on phonetics, word games and modern sound effects, mixed in a most amusing manner, stood out as particularly impressive achievements.

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Gov't turns the public into a 'tax machine' Unemployment and depression not far off, Ya'acobi warns

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the public does not feel the economic pinch, it is because the government is "doping" it by wasting foreign currency, MK Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the Labour Party's Economics and Social Affairs Committee, told a press conference here yesterday.

"The people's pockets and bellies are full because the government is cynically sacrificing the country's future for an illusion of present prosperity," Ya'acobi said. He added that if current policies continue, the inevitable result will be unemployment and serious economic depression.

Ya'acobi said the government's economic policies must be changed completely, not just patched up or corrected. The exchange rate must stop punishing exports and cheapening imports, and the government must stop turning the public into a "tax machine," because the tax burden is choking economic growth. Taxes are now 51 per cent of Israel's Gross National Product, a higher proportion than anywhere in the world, as far as Ya'acobi is aware, and 17 per cent higher than the tax burden was in 1981.

"Prices have gone up by a factor

of 53 since the Likud came to power, compared to a factor of 19 between 1948 and 1977." If the index for March goes up by five and half per cent, Andor will replace Hurvitz as the inflation champion," he said.

Ya'acobi talked about the country's external debt of \$25 billion, the growing internal debt, which has now reached \$820b., the balance of payments deficit which threatens to reach \$6b. this year, and the "scandalous" state of the country's foreign currency reserves.

"The falling prices of imports, including oil, and the world recession should be helping our foreign currency situation, since we import twice as much as we export," he pointed out. "Instead, our situation is becoming more and more precarious. Now there is hidden unemployment, industry is holding onto workers in the hope of recovery, the public sector is growing and the army of inflation fighters" (in banks, insurance companies and at the stock exchange) is also growing.

A high official at the Bank of Israel has predicted that unemployment will rise to 8 per cent this year. Remember, that every rise of one percentage point means another 14,000 people out of work."

Sismica searches for oil bonanza

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The director of the newest and most innovative oil exploration company on the Israeli scene, Yossi Langotsky, is continuing his father's obsession with extracting treasure from the Dead Sea. Moshe Langotsky, now 82, was a pioneer of the Dead Sea potash industry, while Yossi is determined to find an oil bonanza there deep underground.

Sismica Oil Exploration, which Langotsky recently joined, has less than a month left now to meet the deadline set by the Energy Ministry to qualify for what appears to be the biggest exploration permit zone in the country's history: a 1,400,000 dunam tract in the Rift Valley between Hazeva in the Arava and Phasael some 20 kilometres north of Jericho.

Langotsky made a special study of the Dead Sea region geology in the mid-1960s, when he was deputy-head of the Geological Survey, and has been a believer in the oil poten-

tial of the region for many years. While he was head of the government oil company, Oil Exploration Investment (Hanah), until last year, he pushed for a "super-deep" well (7,500 metres) to be drilled at the Sdom-3 site. The project fell through for lack of funds — \$18 million.

If the Energy Ministry approves Sismica's exploration and investment programme for the Rift Valley, including a commitment to drill Sdom-3, then work should start there within 18 months. Sismica's professional team also includes exploration experts James Wilson and A. Garland Speight of the U.S. Before Sismica expanded into exploration, it made an innovative mark on the Israeli oil scene by being the first local firm to carry out seismic tests with portable equipment. Until then, Langotsky says, much of the Galilee, the West Bank and the Negev was off-limits to seismic studies because the heavy vehicles used couldn't negotiate the terrain.

Sismica, which floated a \$6m. stock issue on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange last month, aims at being the first Israeli firm to be self-sufficient. It already carries out seismic studies, and plans to set up its own centre for the analysis of geophysical data. It will run its own drilling operations with equipment purchased jointly with the Paz and Delek oil companies. This will enable it to provide services for other exploration firms, which must now rely on the government oil companies.

Sismica has shares in 13 drilling or prospecting ventures with other investors at sites around the country. It plans to invest \$40-50m. over the next three to five years in 10 more wells, including Sdom-3.

The main shareholder and chairman of Sismica is Adam Polak, of Peru. Other key shareholders include George Greenberg, of Peru, and Avraham (Buma) Shavit, the former chairman of El Al and co-chairman of Sismica.

Workers fight plan to move Carmel Wineries to Samaria

By YITZHAK OKED

RISHON LE ZION. — Plans to close the Carmel Wineries here and in Zichron Ya'acov have met with strong opposition from the workers, the municipality and the local labour council.

A co-ordination committee has been set up to fight the management's proposals to close these two historic wineries, in favour of a new, ultra-modern winery to be built most likely in Samaria. The management of the Carmel Wine Growers Cooperative, however, says that this step must be taken in the name of progress and modern technology.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel rejects this claim, stating that both Rishon and Zichron Ya'acov are prepared to give the wineries more land if expansion is necessary.

Meshel also pointed out historical reasons for opposing the closures. The first secretary-general of the Histadrut, David Ben-Gurion, worked at the winery at Rishon at the start of his career, and since its inception this winery has symbolized the base of organized Hebrew labour in Israel, said Meshel.

Yisrael Lerman, managing director of the Wine Growers Cooperative, told *The Jerusalem Post* that his business did not have money to waste on sentimentalities. "We need money, and large sums at that, to build a modern winery so that we can compete both locally and in foreign markets," he said.

Lerman estimated the new winery would cost around \$40 million. The real estate value of the wineries (which are centrally located in Rishon and Zichron), is about \$14.

The *Post* learned that at present the cooperative could not raise the necessary additional sums without government aid. It is in financial difficulties with great stocks of unsold wines adding to its problems.

Rishon Le Zion Mayor Hananiah Gishon has sent a strongly worded memo opposing the closures to the Ministers of Agriculture, Finance and Industry and Trade.

He explained that he was opposed to government subsidies being granted to existing industries. Such grants were necessary for young, struggling industries, he said, but he feared that if other companies followed Carmel's example — moving every few years and obtaining huge government aid each time — industry would soon be in disarray.

He added that his municipality was willing to give the cooperative about 100 dunams of land in the western, sand dune area of the city. The *Post* learned that Zichron Ya'acov is also prepared to give sufficient extra land to facilitate the complete rebuilding of the winery there.

Workers' opposition to the proposals took the form of a protest last month. A workers' committee, together with the local labour council, has now told management that the men are willing to negotiate and implement all measures to increase productivity and streamline the work.

They emphasized, however, that they are not willing to pay the price for the results of bad management at the cooperative over the past decade.

Managing director Lerman said, however, that he did not understand why the workers were protesting. He said any move would take at least three or four years, every step would be coordinated with the workers, and most of them would be given the option of moving with the plant.

Lerman added that a committee of the cooperative was at present studying various proposals on sites for the new winery. He believed that the committee would come to a decision in about two months.



Record numbers flying Arkia to Eilat

FLY. — Arkia announced yesterday that it flew 27,000 passengers to Eilat last month, breaking its previous record of 19,000. But the number of foreign tourists it carried dropped, the company's senior vice-president, David Borovitz, said.

He attributed the overall increase in traffic to a steep rise in the number of Israelis — including many members of kibbutzim and

moshavim — who bought the company's package tours to the south. The increase more than compensated for the drop in the number of foreign tourists flying Arkia to Eilat, its major destination. Only 1,000 flew last month, compared with 5,000 when the previous record had been set, Borovitz said. The decline reflected the overall slump in tourism, he added.

Greek car ferry opens Haifa service

HAIFA. — The Greek passenger-car ferry Vergina is now running a service between Haifa, Cyprus, Crete and Greece, every Sunday, until at least October.

The agents, the Mano Passenger Lines, add that at Piraeus, passengers can board another ship to Bari, in Italy.

The Vergina, formerly the Israeli vessel Dan, holds 550 passengers in cabin, and another 500 on deck. There is also space for up to 120 cars.

Off-season prices range from \$25 to \$135 one-way to Limassol, and \$60 to \$360 one-way to Piraeus, excluding food.

The company also offers a package-deal of a flight to a European car centre — where Israelis can buy cars as "personal imports" — and a return journey, with the car, by ship.

Price controls proposed for cadaver transport

Prices may soon be controlled for the transport of deceased persons from hospitals and other locations to funeral homes, the Health Ministry announced yesterday. The few companies which engage in the business, charge exorbitant fees, it asserted.

French firm to drill for oil in Egypt

CAIRO (Reuters). — A French oil company, Total Proche Orient, has signed two agreements for exploration in Egypt at a possible cost of \$72 million, a company spokesman said yesterday.

The first concession, a 200-square kilometre area in North Darag, in the north of the Suez Gulf, committed the company to spend 10m. over three years for drilling two wells.

The company has two additional optional periods of two years each.

It agreed to spend \$7m. during the first period and \$15m. in the second one, drilling one well in each case.

The second concession, at Ras Banas in the Red Sea, gave the company an area of 10,000 square kilometres, with a pledge to spend \$10m. over four years, the spokesman said.

The company has three additional options, of two years each, with a pledge to spend \$10m over each period.

Saudi Arabia forced to draw on reserves

RIYADH (Reuters). — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, said yesterday it would have a \$5 billion (10b.) budget deficit in the new financial year because of a drop in world oil prices.

The finance ministry said the kingdom expected to spend 260 bil-

lion riyals (\$75b.) but earn only 225b. riyals (\$58b.) this year. It said the shortfall would be financed from the state's reserves.

In neighbouring Qatar, the government announced a cut in its budget of about 30 per cent, to 3.85 billion riyals (\$1b.) because of falling oil revenue.

World Book now on cassettes for the blind

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The World Book Encyclopedia is now available to the blind and visually handicapped on 1,300 hours of audio cassettes. To help the user find the particular item he wants within seconds, a special cassette machine has been developed which can track the desired topic within less than a minute. There is a 19-volume index (in Braille and large type), from which the user finds out which cassette he needs and what part of the

cassette the machine will have to find.

The Encyclopedia, including the special cassette player, is available at the cost price of \$1,176, F.O.B. Louisville, Kentucky, as a joint venture of World Book and the non-profit American Printing House for the Blind, which is located in Louisville.

Anyone interested in further information may contact the Israeli distributor, World Book Childcraft Distributors of Israel, P.O.B. 4364, Jerusalem, Telephone 02-665605.

Milan International Trade Fair opens today

The 61st Milan International Trade Fair, one of the world's most important, opens today, with more than 80 countries exhibiting their wares.

The official opening will be attended by Italian Industry Minister, Filippo Maria Pandolfi, at a ceremony presided over by

Giuseppe Pelligano, the fair's vice president, and Gino Colombo, its general secretary.

Promoted to encourage business and international commercial exchanges, the nine-day Milan Fair has gained a reputation as one of the world's leading technological exhibitions.

Mordechai Sarig joins Danot Investments

TEL AVIV. — Mordechai Sarig, who for the past 11 years has headed the public relations and information department of the Manufacturers Association, is leaving to take up the post of secretary of Danot Investments, effective May 1.

Mr Sarig, a lawyer, before joining the manufacturers' association, served in various capacities in the Israel Defence Forces, including as head of its history department, head of Ma'arachot (the military journal), and secretary of the High Com-

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE (Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle)

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Aridor's free lunch

THE PRECARIOUS condition of Israel's exports is hardly news any longer. Yet even the pessimists were startled earlier this week when the Central Bureau of Statistics disclosed that exports in March were \$100 million less than in the same month last year — \$444 million as compared with \$572m. The official comment — that all was nevertheless well because the recently decreed supports would remedy the situation — was greeted by exporters with pained disbelief.

To be sure, the country's exports are facing a difficult challenge in a depressed world market. In addition, however, exports are shackled by home-made theories so original that they are not to be found in the toolbox of economic policy makers anywhere else.

Mighty Japan, which alone among industrial nations has lately maintained a measure of economic growth, refuses to revalue the yen. West Germany, which last year had a trade surplus of over \$20 billion, revalued the mark only under powerful French pressure. Yet tiny Israel, indebted as it is up to its ears, and with one job in three dependent on exports, insists on keeping up a steady revaluation of its currency.

The result is to encourage imports, which most countries are seeking to curb, and to throttle exports which, once foregone, are extremely hard to recover.

The wishful thinking that guides the Treasury in the pursuit of this policy is that a relative and partial price freeze, in the shape of monthly devaluation and government-controlled price increases of only 5 per cent, will also bring inflationary expectations, and eventually inflation itself, down to 5 per cent. The fact that this has not begun to happen, and that there are no signs that it ever will happen, does not deflect the Treasury managers from their appointed course. The argument that a different policy would only make things worse is always at hand.

Now fighting inflation through an all-round freeze — including prices, wages, taxes and the exchange rate — is not a bad idea, in some circumstances. If the international trade winds had been filling the sails of our exports, and if our foreign payments position had been under no threat, it might have made sense to give up even a billion dollars in a concerted effort to suppress inflation.

But in present conditions such a policy would be a risky gamble even if the lid were clamped down consistently on all costs, and even if it were comprehensive. The Treasury, while slowing devaluation down, has not been squeamish about driving up other costs, such as taxes, nor has it been able to keep public expenditures in check. And it is insisting on the pursuit of its gambit at a time when external conditions are distinctly unfavourable to it.

The warnings of exporters that the present policy may cause irreversible damage should be taken seriously. If exports continue to fall not only will the foreign payments gap widen disastrously, but large-scale unemployment could result. With the foreign reserves dangerously depleted by the finance minister's first two contradictory exercises in "proper economics," there may not be enough in the till to finance a third such exercise.

Dismal farewell

WHEN Prime Minister Menachem Begin last summer described the PLO, from the Knesset rostrum, as a bunch of "two-legged animals," some foreign publications took that to be a reference to Palestinians in general. Official spokesmen in Jerusalem protested vehemently: Mr. Begin, they emphasized, had only levelled that metaphor at terrorists who had been killing Jewish women and children.

Will there be a similar outcry now that the outgoing chief-of-staff has likened the Palestinians to "cockroaches"?

For that, according to members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, is what Rav-Aluf Eitan, that splendid soldier, did at a farewell meeting with the committee on Tuesday. The context was a discussion on ways of coping with Arab stone-throwing in Judea and Samaria. The chief-of-staff suggested 10 new Jewish settlements in the areas as retaliation for every stone-throwing incident.

"When we have settled the land," he is reported to have said "all the Arabs will be able to do about it is to scurry around like doped cockroaches in a bottle."

The contempt Rav-Aluf Eitan showed for the human dignity of the population under Israel's control was only compounded by his contempt for parliament itself. In the course of an angry exchange with MK Yossi Sarid, the chief-of-staff favoured his old adversary with the reading of a ditty, supposedly satirical, that he had evidently composed with a view to some such occasion.

In it the chief-of-staff warns that he who climbs his way up a tail — plainly a reference to Mr. Sarid — will find himself covered with manure from head to toe.

Such puerile obscenity, displayed twice at one sitting, would have been ground enough for demanding Rav-Aluf Eitan's dismissal, had he not in any case been due to quit as chief-of-staff within a couple of days. In the circumstances, as the Kahan Commission also concluded, that would be pointless. But to permit his contemptuous performance to pass without reproof from the highest places, not least from the Knesset itself, would be to condone it. That should not be permitted.

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GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

Hussein holds the key

By YOSEF NEDAVA

KING HUSSEIN'S ability to survive the vicissitudes and turbulence of the Middle East political arena is considered by many to be miraculous. His grandfather Abdullah, the founder of the Hashemite dynasty, was assassinated by his enemies in 1951; his father, Talal, forfeited his throne because his mind was unsound.

Yet King Hussein himself has proved able, albeit precariously, to weather all the political storms and military upheavals which have affected his reign since 1953.

King Hussein is also a resilient *homo politicus*, a master of perennial shiftings and self-adjusting maneuvers. On the one hand, he often comes out with hostile and bellicose statements against Israel; on the other, he is considered a moderate Arab who has never given up his secret conversations and negotiations with Israeli leaders. No doubt he still eagerly awaits Yasser Arafat's signal empowering him to represent the Palestinians in the prospective autonomy talks.

Similarly, although he reputedly hates the PLO, and was responsible for the arbitrary slaughter of thousands of its terrorist members in September 1970, he has never openly shrunk from posing as Yasser Arafat's bosom friend. He also assiduously proclaims his loyalty to the 1974 Rabat Conference decision which declared the PLO to be the sole representative of the Palestinian Arabs.

King Hussein permits himself to be wooed by both Washington and Moscow, and sees no duplicity in being supplied with arms by both super-powers. He is a good public-relations statesman, commuting between West and East, and to those who are not quite familiar with the niceties of global

geopolitics, he may even appear a colossally important statesman.

In fact, his strength is quite meager. He commands a relatively small, though effective, standing army, which depends entirely on the supply of arms from external sources. His economy is largely primitive, enjoying an artificial prosperity only because of considerable support from Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Paradoxically, Israel saved his kingdom from being devoured by Syria in 1970, and potentially this is still a danger to Jordan in the face of President Hafez Assad's unabated hostility.

JURIDICALLY speaking, Jordan is a country in limbo. The kingdom was born in "illegality." It consists of 77 per cent of the territory of Mandate Palestine. Britain, the trustee, had no authority to proclaim Abdullah King of the East Bank in 1946. Indeed, of late a suggestion has been made to delegitimize Jordan by applying to the International Court at The Hague for a declaratory ruling annulling Britain's unilateral action.

However, the division of Palestine might have been a blessing in disguise. Jordan has by now virtually become Arab Palestine: it covers, as stated above, over three-quarters of the original Palestine. In 1950 Abdullah annexed the so-called West Bank (Judea and Samaria), but this move was recognized only by Britain and Pakistan. Since that time some 560,000 Palestinian Arabs from the West Bank have moved east of the Jordan River. As a result the West Bank now constitute some 70 per cent of Jordan's population.

The West Palestinians have become the dominant factor in all spheres of activity of that country.

about half of the members of both the Jordanian parliament and cabinet have been West Palestinians. Ten of the country's 20 prime ministers have been of West Palestinian extraction. Over 75 per cent of all government posts are held by West Palestinians. And the same ratio applies to the Jordanian economy, professions and media, and to the university students and faculty.

Consequently, objectively speaking, Palestinian Arabs have by now achieved their much desired self-determination in Jordan. They already have a state of their own, and it stands to reason that the need for a second PLO state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is thus obviated.

King Hussein himself affirmed this state of affairs in an interview with *Al-Nahar al-Arabi* on December 26, 1981, in which he stated: "The truth is that Jordan is Palestine and Palestine is Jordan."

KING HUSSEIN holds the key to the solution of the Palestinian predicament — "the crux of the problem," to borrow the late Anwar Sadat's expression. The solution of Jordan as Arab Palestine augurs well for the entire Middle East. It opens opportunities for closer cooperation between Israel and the newly designed eastern political entity, whatever its name may be — Jordan-Palestine or the Palestine-Jordan state.

Both Israel and the new state may even agree on effecting a certain union, whether on the basis of a federation or a confederation, providing outlets to the Mediterranean ports for the eastern state, as well as planning the common use of meagre water resources and the sharing of the mutual benefits flow-

Dreaming of King

By DAVID TWERSKY

ings the only man potentially capable of holding the coalition together, was killed in California: Hubert Humphrey, once the champion of the liberal and the civil rights forces, captured the party's nomination and stumbled forward from the divisive convention to defeat in November. (So close did Humphrey manage to come to Nixon, however, that if 100,000 New Left voters, aiming to punish the Democrats, had not voted for the Peace and Freedom party in California, Humphrey would have carried that state and the election!)

Finally, the white student left, born of a marriage of the civil rights and peace issues, turned inside out the original core values of non-violence and democracy which had midwifed their birth. The Weathermen, the most militant (though not the only absurd) wing of the S.D.S., took their name from the allegedly political meaning of a line in a Bob Dylan song: "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows." Clearly, they

would "overcome." Clearly, the wind was blowing for revolution. Clearly "the times they (were) a changing."

Apparently, you do need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.

The Weathermen ended their career in a blue blaze of gunsmoke and bank robberies, and with an arrogant and elitist rhetorical violence so far from the social reality it purported to describe as to border on the schizophrenic.

STILL, AMERICAN society has changed over those 15 years, and not only for the worse. Many black families have entered the great middle class. Whatever its intrinsic merits, affirmative action has helped break the endless cycle of black non-achievement. And while the gains have run up huge costs of all sorts, and remain vulnerable, no leadership elite or constituency would openly declare today for a return to the racial status quo which began to unravel when one elderly woman refused to move to the back

Dry Bones



ing from the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal project.

All this can be worked out within the framework of the Camp David Accords, which provide autonomy status for the Arab population of Judea and Samaria (the final political status of the areas to be determined within the next five years). Such a solution would also ease tensions and lay to rest the apprehensions of those Israelis who view with trepidation the developing "demographic problem," following the great increase of the West Bank Arab population.

As is well known, Israel rejects all suggestions aiming at the forcible displacement of Arabs from its territories; yet one can reasonably as-

sume that quite a number of Arabs would be eager to emigrate from areas dominated by Israel to enjoy greater self-determination among their brethren across the Jordan River with whom they share race, religion and language.

Thus the Palestine-Jordan state may yet prove to be the third Arab country (after Egypt, and hopefully Lebanon) to conclude a mutually agreeable peace with Israel and thereby bring about general tranquility in the Middle East. This is the vital role that King Hussein can play despite his objectively minor political position vis-à-vis the other Arab League states.

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At this time of our lives, these questions have been posed with a sense of urgency which cannot endure forever. The vessels cannot carry an indefinite burden of uncertainty. There is still time to sign our names, to shape our future in the wet cement of history. But history will harden again into a set pattern we will all follow, and the questions we now face will become historical footnotes.

BOTH ARABS, LOOKING at the radically-altered face of the West Bank, and Jews, looking at our own altered face in the national mirror, should take heed. Liberals, centrists and the left might also consider the negative effects of excessive internecine warfare.

Martin Luther King had a dream. In it, he was Moses on the mountain, looking into the Promised Land he was destined never to set foot in, a land in which freedom was the password.

We, now living in that land, slaves to a cycle of war, might do well to recall the spirit of King's message; that in denying others we forge our own chains, and postpone the day when Jew and Arab, in Jerusalem and around it, can say together, "Free at last, free at last, great God Almighty — I am free at last."

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READERS' LETTERS

U.K. DELEGATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to your report of April 1, "International work camp opens tomorrow," which mentions the visit of 14 social workers from the Elchanan Elkes Association study tour to Umm al-Fahm on March 29. (The association is based in the U.K. and Israel.) The visit had nothing to do with the work camp there. It was a brief three-hour visit to acquaint them with conditions in an Arab village and let them see the work camp if it was in progress, which it was not.

The study tour for the social workers lasts three weeks and includes a 10-day work stint in kibbutz Ein Shemer to acquaint social workers and educators from the U.K. with the problems Israel faces and create more understanding for them.

Contrary to your report, there has been no delegation of 28 persons from the International Voluntary Service to the work camp at Umm al-Fahm. The confusion may have arisen as I also work in the U.K. for International Voluntary Service.

SARA ELKES, Director
The Elchanan Elkes Association
Jerusalem and Leicester.

JERUSALEM DRUG CLINIC

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was surprised to read Dvora Waysman's letter about our Drug Intervention Clinic in your issue of April 1. She has the story all wrong.

Ezrath Nashim Hospital has pioneered and developed this important community service since 1976 when the Ministry of Health asked us to open the Drug Clinic. I must add that no other public body at that time was prepared to invest the time and effort needed to develop this programme.

Now that the clinic is firmly based and so much of our professional and administrative concern is devoted

to the development of our academic and research programmes and our geriatric departments, we asked the Ministry of Health to find another sponsoring organization for the Drug Clinic. The Ministry agreed to this and will transfer the clinic to another public body. We had hoped that this would happen by April 1. It has now been agreed that the transfer will take place within the next few months. At no time was there any intention of closing the Drug Clinic, unfounded publicity to the contrary notwithstanding.

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DEFENCE MINISTRY SALARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On March 14, you reported that research workers at Defence Ministry establishments struck for "the same pay as university academic staff."

Lest your readers get the wrong impression, I hasten to point out that the last thing the strikers want is the same pay as university staff.

This would mean a 40 to 50 per cent drop in net take-home pay for Defence Ministry workers. What these workers want is the same percentage pay-rise so that they will continue to earn net salaries 60 to 100 per cent higher than those of university staff.

AVRAHAM BERKOVITZ
Haifa.

INEFFICIENT HEALTH SERVICES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — If the Ministry of Health would utilize the doctors to work as doctors, and nurses as nurses, neither group would be overworked, or disillusioned and the deserving public would be better served.

Instead, many doctors, employed by the Histadrut and the Ministry of Health, work as technicians or nurses' tasks. All nurses work as clerks, cleaners, porters, technicians and aides. Professionally, Israeli doctors and nurses have not progressed in the past 20 years to meet the challenge of enhanced health care made available by the advanced technology and treatment modalities of modern medicine.

This ponderous, outdated, uncar-

ing, inefficient, inferior delivery of health services is amply rewarded in this country, as evidenced by the low salaries which resulted in the immoral doctors' strike, soon to be followed, no doubt, by the equally immoral nurses' strike.

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